

# Arlington Town Meeting Voting Results 05/04/2015

2015 Annual Town Meeting (Second Session)  
Monday, May 4, 2015

## **Annual Town Meeting**

Articles for Reconsideration: 7 – Edward J. Harris, III, Pr. 5  
28 – Alan Tosti, Chair, Finance Committee, Pr. 3

**Articles Voted: 7, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16**

**ARTICLE 7 ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT AND BYLAW  
AMENDMENT/REGULATION OF POSTED EVENT NOTICES**

**VOTED: (ELECTRONIC TALLY, YES – 171, NO – 35)**

**That the Zoning Bylaw be and hereby is amended by:**

- (a) adding the definition of “Notices” to Article 2 of the Arlington Zoning Bylaw, (Definitions) immediately after “Membership Club”, as follows:**

**“Notice: Temporary sign erected by a person or non-profit organization for the purpose of advertising an individual yard sale, non-commercial public event, or lost pet”;**

- (b) amending Section 7.03 – General Regulations by adding immediately after item p. a new item, as follows:**

**“q. Notices in compliance with Title V, Article 1 of the Town Bylaws are allowed in any district.”;**

**VOTED: (AFFIRMATIVE) (ELECTRONIC TALLY, YES – 177, NO – 30)**

**That Title V, Article 1 (“Billboards and Signs”), Section 1 is hereby amended by adding the following to the end of Section 1:**

**J. Signs erected by a person, town committee, student organization or non-profit organization for the purpose of advertising an individual yard sale, non-commercial public event, or lost pet are hereby referred to as “notices” and are exempt from the provisions of this article of the Town Bylaws subject to Board of Selectmen regulations of “The Display of Notices” to be promptly promulgated by the Board of Selectmen upon the passage of this section.**

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Article 7 of the Warrant for the  
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held May 4, 2015.**

**ATTEST: Town Clerk**

**VOTED:** (AFFIRMATIVE) (ELECTRONIC TALLY, YES – 178, NO – 2)

That the 1992 vote of Town Meeting (Article 41) establishing the Vision 2020 Standing Committee is hereby amended by striking the vote in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

**A. Vision 2020 Standing Committee Establishment and Purpose**

That the Town hereby provides for the appointment of a committee and advisory board to be called the Vision 2020 Standing Committee which shall oversee the progress and implementation of the Vision 2020 recommendations made to the Town and contained in the report given under Article 40 of the 1992 Annual Town Meeting and report on said progress and implementation each year until discharged. This committee will ensure the continuation of the long range planning process of Vision 2020 initiated by the Town in 1990 and shall reevaluate the Town Goals adopted by Town Meeting in 1993 at least every two years. This committee shall also create, implement, monitor, and review methods for open, town-wide public participation in the Vision 2020 process.

**B. Standing Committee Membership, Quorum, Administration, & Organization**

The Standing Committee shall consist of nine (9) Voting Members including a Chairperson, and a ten (10) person non-voting Advisory Board. Voting members and the Advisory Board shall both be charged with fulfilling the mission of Vision 2020. Only Voting Members shall have authority to make decisions and set policy of the Committee and otherwise bind the committee by a majority vote of a quorum. However, the Advisory Board shall have the right to be recognized at meetings and request topics and issues be placed before the Standing Committee on agendas. A quorum shall consist of a majority of Voting Members (5).

**1. Appointment of Voting Members**

**a. Voting Members shall be comprised of:**

- i. Two (2) Town of Arlington residents appointed by the Town Moderator, one of which shall serve an initial two-year term, and the other an initial three-year term, with all subsequent terms for three years;
- ii. Two (2) Town of Arlington residents appointed by the Superintendent of Schools with approval of the School Committee, one of which shall serve an initial one-year term, and the other an initial two-year term, with all subsequent terms for three years;
- iii. Two (2) persons appointed by the Town Manager with approval of the Board of Selectmen, one of which shall serve an initial one-year term, and the other an initial two-year term, with all subsequent terms for three years;
- iv. Two (2) persons appointed by the Director of Planning and Community Development with approval of the Arlington Redevelopment Board

(“ARB”), one of which shall serve an initial one-year term, and the other an initial three-year term, with all subsequent terms for three years; and

- v. One (1) Chairperson, who shall be a resident nominated by a majority vote of the eight (8) above-listed Voting Members following recommendations from the Town Manager and School Committee Members, and approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Chairperson shall serve an initial three-year term, with all subsequent terms for three years.

b. All Voting Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

c. At all times at least one of the four collective appointments between the Town Manager and the Director of Planning shall be a current Town employee. All Town Manager and Director of Planning appointees who are not Town employees must be Town residents.

d. A vacancy of the Committee shall be filled by the relevant appointing or designating authority.

## **2. Advisory Board**

The Advisory Board will be composed of the following ten (10) total members: the Town Manager, the Superintendent of Schools, the Town Moderator, the Director of Planning and Community Development, Town Counsel, one secondary student residing in the Town of Arlington appointed by the Superintendent and approved by the School Committee on a one-year term, and the Chairpersons of the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, the ARB and the Finance Committee or such bodies' designees.

## **Effective Date and Appointments**

Following Town Meeting approval of this revised vote, all Voting Member appointments except the appointment of the Chairperson shall be made on or before July 1, 2015 and the Chairperson shall be appointed on or before August 14, 2015. Until the Chairperson is appointed, the Standing Committee may designate a Vice Chair from within its membership to administer the Committee's business. The presently serving Standing Committee shall continue to govern Vision 2020 until July 1, 2015.

A true copy of the vote under  
Article 12 of the Warrant for the  
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Town of Arlington at the session  
held May 4, 2015.

**ATTEST: Town Clerk**

**ARTICLE 13                   DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE/  
1207 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE**

**VOTED:**           (ELECTRONIC TALLY, YES – 184, NO – 11)

**That the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to dispose of property located at 1207 Massachusetts Avenue and its appurtenant land by sale, lease, or otherwise.**

**A true copy of the vote under  
Article 13 of the Warrant for the  
Annual Town Meeting of the  
Town of Arlington at the session  
held May 4, 2015.**

**ATTEST: Town Clerk**

**ARTICLE 14                   DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE/  
PARCEL 13-383 CLIFFE AVENUE LEXINGTON**

**VOTED:**           (VOICE VOTE)

**That no action be taken under Article 14.**

**A true copy of the vote under  
Article 14 of the Warrant for the  
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Town of Arlington at the session  
held May 4, 2015.**

**ATTEST: Town Clerk**

**ARTICLE 15                   HOME RULE/BOARD OF ASSESSOR CHANGES**

**VOTED:**           (ELECTRONIC TALLY – YES - 116, NO – 76)

**That the Town does hereby request and authorize the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation to provide substantially as follows:**

**“AN ACT AMENDING THE TOWN MANAGER ACT OF ARLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 1.** Chapter 503 of the Acts of 1952 (The Town Manager Act of Arlington) as subsequently amended, Section 15 (‘Powers and Duties of Manager’), paragraph (a) is hereby amended by inserting the words ‘Board of’ before the word ‘Assessors.’

**Section 2.** Said chapter 503 is further amended by appending the following paragraphs to the end of Section 15(a):

‘While the Town Manager shall not supervise the Board of Assessors as an elected body, the Town Manager shall supervise and direct the administration of the Assessors’ Office and appoint the Director of Assessments in accordance with Section 15(c) of this act. The Director of Assessments, and all other Assessors’ Office personnel employed and/or in office when this act becomes effective shall continue in their respective positions subject to the provisions of chapters thirty-one and/or 150E of the General Laws, if applicable, but otherwise subject to removal by the Town Manager as provided herein.

Nothing set forth in this section shall otherwise abridge the authorities or responsibilities of the Board of Assessors as set forth in chapter forty-one or elsewhere within the General Laws.’

**Section 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its passage.”

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Article 15 of the Warrant for the  
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held May 4, 2015.**

**ATTEST: Town Clerk**

**ARTICLE 16**

**ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/  
COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM**

**VOTED:** (POSTIVE VOTE) (ELECTRONIC TALLY, YES – 157, NO – 33)

**That Section 1 of Chapter 90 I of the General Laws, as added by Chapter 79 Sec. 7 of the Acts of 2014 (Complete Streets Program), Section 34, be and is hereby is accepted.**

**A true copy of the vote under  
Article 16 of the Warrant for the  
Annual Town Meeting of the  
Town of Arlington at the session  
held May 4, 2015.**

**ATTEST: Town Clerk**